Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge General Hunt Permit

All hunters are required to sign, date, and carry on their person, this portion of the hunt brochure as your valid *permit* for regular refuge hunts. (*Not* valid for any deer hunt).

I have read and understand these refuge regulations for the current season.

Signature of hunter

Date

New for 2002-2003 Hunting Season. All hunters must have the above General Hunt Permit signed and in their possession while hunting on the refuge.

Public hunting on Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge is allowed in those areas designated as open to hunting (see map on reverse). Hunting shall be in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

Hunt Areas

See Refuge Hunting Map on reverse.

Seasons

Season dates and bag limits are as specified in the State of Oklahoma Hunting Regulations. Small game hunting is closed on the refuge from January 31 until September 1. Rabbit and bobwhite quail season closes January 31.

Hunt Days/Hours

The refuge is open to hunting on **Saturday**, **Sunday**, **Monday** and **Tuesday** only. Shooting hours are from one half hour before sunrise to sunset. All camping and open fires are prohibited on refuge lands and waters.

Huntable Game

Hunters may hunt only the following game species:

Waterfowl – All waterfowl species (ducks, geese, and mergansers) permitted by Oklahoma hunting regulations.

Small Game – Coot, snipe, mourning dove, woodcock, rabbit, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, and bobwhite quail.

Deer – Deer hunting is allowed during certain years by special permit only.

Hunting

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Non-Toxic Shot Only

Hunters may possess only legal nontoxic shot while hunting all species of game on the refuge.

Firearms

Hunters may only hunt with plugged shotguns capable of holding three shells in the magazine and chamber combined for all game species on the refuge. Rifles, handguns, and other weapons are not permitted on the refuge.

All weapons transported on refuge roads and waterways must be unloaded and in a case.

Blinds

Hunters may construct temporary blinds provided that only natural materials (grass, downed logs, cattails, etc.) are used. Materials such as lumber, metal, nails, plastic, wire, etc., may not be used in constructing blinds. Portable blinds may be used, but must be removed at the end of each hunt. Pit blinds are prohibited. Personal property must be removed at the end of each day.

The Stoney Point Handicap Duck Blind and Pond is reserved for nonambulatory hunters only.

Sportsmanship

Be a sportsman and respect the right of other hunters and other refuge-users afield. All hunters must keep a safe distance from other hunting parties (at least 200 yards is recommended). Decoys and calls should be used to bring birds into ideal shooting range. Skybusters flare game, leave cripples, and disrupt other hunters.

Allowing birds to come in increases your hunting success. Dogs are allowed while hunting waterfowl and small game but are required to be under close control by their handler and not allowed to harass nongame wildlife.

Boats

Boats are allowed for hunting.

Hunters may not shoot from any boat that is under power or in motion. Hunters traveling to and from hunt areas by boat must have weapons unloaded and cased.

All boats must comply with state regulations.

Irregular water depths occur in wetlands and marshes so hunters should use caution when wading.

Other Regulations

Consult *all* refuge regulations upon entering the refuge (see refuge regulations and informational brochures).

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all refuge lands and waters.

Neither hunters nor dogs may enter any closed areas of the refuge.

Hunting parties must hunt at least 200 feet apart.

Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only.

Hunters may not shoot or hunt within 50 feet of public refuge roads, parking areas, or from any vehicle.

Hunters may not use refuge roads, parking areas, or boat landings to access off-refuge areas for hunting on non-hunt days or for any species that is not legal to hunt on the refuge.

For Additional Information Contact:

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